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# Information circular*

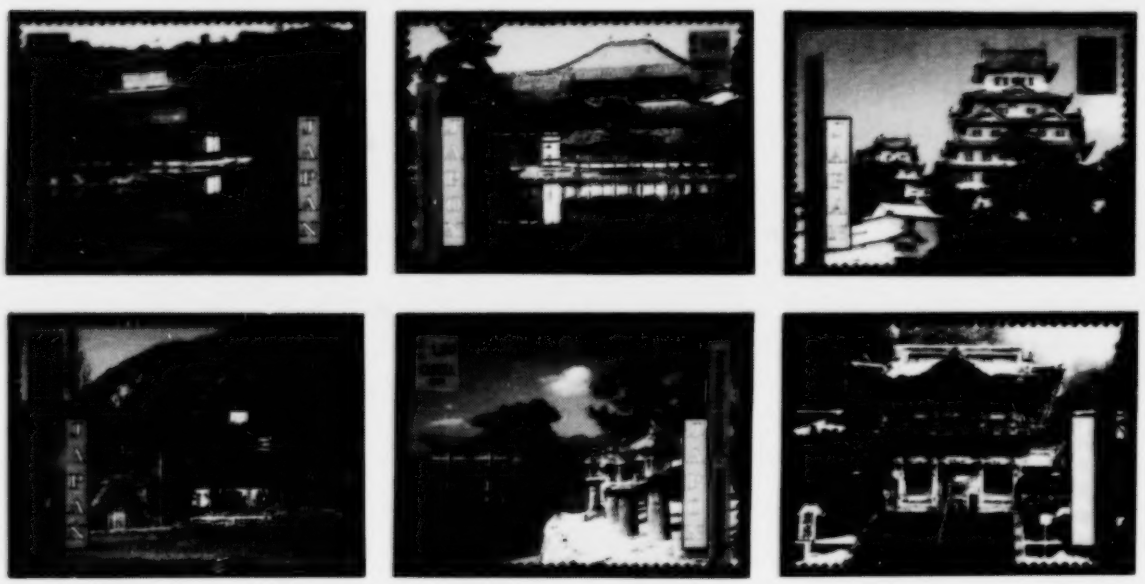
To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 1 August 2001: "World Heritage — Japan" stamps and prestige booklets**

**Commemorative stamps**

1. On Wednesday, 1 August 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "World Heritage — Japan".



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2. This is the seventh United Nations stamp issue to illustrate world heritage sites. It is the fifth in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific world heritage site or a group of world heritage sites in one geographical location. This stamp issue will coincide with the PHILANIPPON'01 stamp exhibition, which will take place at the Tokyo International Exhibition from 1 to 7 August 2001.

3. The stamps, in denominations of 34 and 70 cents, F.s. 1,10 and 1,30, S 7/€ 0,51 and 1,09, were designed by Rorie Katz (United Nations).

(United States equivalents — F.s. 1,10: 62 cents; F.s. 1,30: 73 cents; S 7/€ 0,51: 44 cents and S 15/€ 1,09: 93 cents — subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

**Prestige booklets**

4. Also on 1 August 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue its sixth set of prestige booklets. The three booklets on the theme "World Heritage — Japan" have a common design based on the six commemorative stamps for this issue and each contains a total of 24 mint stamps in either United States, Swiss or Austrian denominations. The booklets are priced at $3, F.s. 4,80 and S 36.

(United States equivalents — F.s. 4,80: $2.70 and S 36: $2.24 — subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

**General information**

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Wednesday, 1 August, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.